

Rejection of recommendations made by MPs

† 221. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Members of Parliament have been recommending construction of Mahila Mandal Bhawans, Inns/Dharmashalas or Community centres but offices of the Accountant General in the States, particularly in Himachal Pradesh, have been making objections thereon for the last few months as a result thereof the District Deputy Commissioners are rejecting such recommendations being made by MPs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is not against the guidelines laid down under the MPLADS; and

(d) if so, by when Government would issue a clarification in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Some District Heads of Himachal Pradesh have reported that the construction of Community Centres, Mahila Mandals, Janj Ghars, Dharamshalas/Sarais has been objected to by the audit authorities. The Comptroller & Auditor General, in their draft review, have also pointed out that a number of items including construction of Community Halls, Community Centres, Yuvak Mandal, Mahila Mandal buildings has been undertaken in violation of the Guidelines on MPLADS. A clarification has been issued to Himachal Pradesh Government that construction of buildings for cultural and other community activities is permitted under the MPLAD Scheme.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.